

LUGGAGE, PARCELS, ETC.—*continued.*

14. Dogs will not be accepted for transit between stations north of Wellington via Thorndon and Lambton, or *vice versa*.

15. Hounds when conveyed in cattle-trucks will be charged at the classified rate for cattle in truck-loads, or at the rate for dogs, whichever is the cheaper.

16. Hounds, the property of hunt clubs, conveyed on the outward journey by rail will be returned at half rates from the original destination-station to the original forwarding-station on production of a certificate in the following form, signed by the secretary or other authorized officer of the club owning the hounds:—

I hereby certify that the (a) are kept and used for hunting purposes only, and that they were, on the outward journey, conveyed by rail from Station to Station for the purpose of taking part at the (b) hunt meeting, and are now returning from the meeting unsold, and that I am entitled to have them conveyed by rail from Station to Station at half rates.

....., Secretary [or other authorized officer of hunt club].

(a) Insert number of hounds.

(b) Insert name of hunt meeting.

17. The return journey must be made within two weeks of outward journey.

18. When hounds are sent to the hunt in trucks with hunters they must be returned in the same manner, otherwise ordinary rates will be charged for the return journey.

## 62. Stud Dogs for Breeding Purposes.

1. Dogs consigned for breeding purposes will, if returned within three months from the original consignee and receiving-station to the original consignor and forwarding-station, be conveyed back free of charge, provided that certificates in the following form, and signed by the consignor in each case are endorsed on the consignment-notes:—

On outward journey—

(a) I hereby certify that the\* entered hereon is proceeding to to stand for stud purposes only, and will not be travelled on circuit.

Homeward journey—

(b) I hereby certify that the\* entered hereon has stood at solely for stud purposes, and that it was conveyed by rail from† to‡ on§, and has not been travelled on circuit since that date.

\* Insert particulars of dogs. † Insert name of original consignor and sending-station. ‡ Insert name of original consignee and receiving-station. § Insert date.

## 63. Corpses.

1. The charge for the conveyance of a corpse will be 8d. per mile. Minimum charge, £1 7s.

2. A corpse will be accepted for carriage by express, mail, or passenger trains only at the option of the Department and after arrangements have been made with the District Manager. A corpse so carried will be charged 1s. 4d. per mile for the full distance conveyed by rail; minimum charge, £2 14s.

3. When the conveyance of a corpse by any express, mail, or passenger train necessitates the running of an extra engine, the Department reserves the right to require the payment in respect of the running of such engine (additional to the charges provided for in this regulation) at the rate of 3s. 6d. per mile for the actual distance (both ways) run by such engine.

## 64. Newspapers and Stereotype Casts.

1. Newspapers (published at intervals not exceeding seven days), periodicals (published at intervals not exceeding one month), and stereotype casts and type set up for reproduction purposes (consigned by or to newspaper-proprietors) will be conveyed subject to the following regulations, viz. :—

(a) Packages of newspapers and periodicals must be open at both ends.

(b) No receipts will be given for the packages; they will be conveyed at owners' risk, the Department not being liable for damage, delay, detention, or loss; and they must be brought to, and taken from, the railway by the owners. If owners desire them conveyed at the risk of the Department, the ordinary parcel rates will be charged.

(c) Charges on packages conveyed under this regulation must, except at provided in paragraph 2 hereof, be prepaid by affixing stamps, obtainable from the Department. Packages insufficiently stamped will be charged the difference between the amount represented by the labels affixed and the full ordinary parcel rates, and the Department will not be responsible for any delay which may arise in consequence.

(d) A declaration that the parcels do not contain other than the articles mentioned above must also be printed or plainly written on the address, thus: "Newspapers only," "Stereotype Casts only," as the case may be.

(e) The Department reserves the right to open and examine packages.